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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of July 30, 1972.

The document referred to in Dr. Lattimer's article in the May issue of Resident and Staff Physician as containing information concerning the spoiling of a roll of "120" film by a Secret Service agent present at the autopsy of President Kennedy is entitled "Report of Inspection by Naval Medical Staff on November 1, 1966 at National Archives of X-rays and Photographs of Autopsy of President John F. Kennedy." This document also contains "the list signed by the men who did the autopsy" of the X-rays and photographs. It is a report (11 p.) by members of the staff of the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland.

Under the terms of 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b)(6), we do not furnish copies of the report because it is a part of "medical files and similar files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy" of the family of the late President Kennedy. We show it to the researchers whose applications to examine the autopsy material are approved by the Kennedy family representative, Mr. Burke Marshall, because it contains the list of the material. We do not, however, furnish copies to them.

The "list signed by the members of the 1968 Forensic Panel" is the list included in the report of that panel, of which you have a copy.

These two reports and the letter agreement between the Administrator of General Services and Mr. Marshall were the only documents relating to the autopsy material that were used by Dr. Lattimer during his examination of the material.

The name files of the Warren Commission do not contain a file for Richard C. Harper.

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There were two replies by the Central Intelligence Agency to the Commission's request for information concerning Soviet mind conditioning techniques. These were Commission Document 1131 and a letter of June 26, 1964. These documents are withheld from research under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, subsection (b) (1), as security classified records "specifically required by Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy." A number of source materials, chiefly magazine articles, on mind-conditioning or "brain-washing" transmitted to the Commission with the letter of June 26, 1964, are available for research, and we would be pleased to show you these materials in the National Archives. We are not aware of any staff papers relating to this subject.

Sincerely,

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